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For: METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC
ACID AND UTILIZATION THEREOF }
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AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION of March 19, 2009

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of March 19, 2009. Please enter the amendments as shown on the attached pages. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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